CIRCULAR.

No. 659 of 1837.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

To

SIR,

It having been stated that Dafter Puja and idolatrous ceremonies are performed on the Diwáli and other Hindu festivals in the Government Offices, I am directed by the Right Honourable the Governor in Council to request you to state whether or not such practice exists, and if so, to order it to be discontinued in future.

Bombay Castle, 6th March 1837.

CIRCULAR.

No. 3056 of 1837.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

To

SIR,

In extension of the Circular Orders dated the 6th of March 1837, I am desired to inform you that the Right Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that no public office of Government shall on any occasion be lent or used for the purpose of performing any rites or ceremonies of the Hindu, Mussalman, or other native religions in the same.

Bombay Castle, 7th November 1837.

NOTIFICATION.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

The Honourable the Governor-in-Council is pleased to resolve that no Public Office shall be used as a private residence, except with the permission of Government.

By order of the Honourable the Governor in Council,

W. ESCOMBE,
Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 26th March 1844.

No. 299.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 28th January 1882.

Memorandum from the Government of India, Home Department (Public), No. 1—61, dated 20th January 1882—Forwarding, in continuation of their endorsement Nos. 44—1438 to 1462, dated 23rd September last, copy of their following Notification No. 53, dated 20th January 1882:—

"In continuation of Home Department Notification No. 1437, dated the 23rd September 1881, republishing rules regarding the sale of property to Natives by Government officers, it is hereby notified for general information that the above rules are not applicable to *bonâ fide* transactions with regular dealers."

RESOLUTION.—Copies of the Government of India's Notification should be communicated to all Departments of the Secretariat and all Heads of Offices under the several Departments for information and guidance in continuation of Government Resolution No. 3358, dated 8th October last.

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Acceptance of pecuniary aid or subscriptions from Native Chiefs or officials of Native States by Government officers.

No. 3584.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Bombay Castle, 31st August 1889.

Resolution of the Government of India in the Home Department (Public), No. 25—1437-1460, dated 14th August 1889:—

"Read—

Home Department Resolution No. 31—1217-42, dated the 11th July 1885.

RESOLUTION.

In the Resolution read in the preamble it has been laid down that no officer of Government shall ask or accept pecuniary aid or subscriptions from Native Chiefs or officials of Native States in pursuance of public objects, except with the previous sanction of the Local Government to which he may be subordinate.

2. An instance has recently come to the notice of the Government of India in which a public servant accepted a donation from a Native Chief towards a religious object in which he was specially interested. In the Resolution of 11th July 1885, applications for contributions to private or semi-public objects are not expressly condemned, but the objections upon which those orders are based apply with even greater force to such donations. The Governor General in Council is therefore pleased to extend the orders contained in Resolution No. 31—1217-42 (Public), dated 11th July 1885, to applications for or acceptance of assistance towards private or semi-public objects."

RESOLUTION.—Copies of the Resolution of the Government of India should be forwarded to all Departments of the Secretariat and to all Heads of Offices for information and guidance in continuation of Government Resolution No. 2760, dated 24th July 1885.

No. 2936 of 1890.

Revenue Department.

Bombay Castle, 30th April 1890.

RESOLUTION of GOVERNMENT.

It has been brought to the notice of Government that recently an officer holding the post of District Deputy Collector issued instructions to the officers subordinate to him directing them to collect subscriptions in their charges for what was termed a Land Improvement Fund to be named after His Royal Highness Prince Albert Victor of Wales. On representations made, steps were, however, promptly taken by this officer's superiors to prevent any action being adopted on the circulars sent out by him, and the matter was reported to Government for orders.

2. The Governor in Council would observe that, however excellent may have been the motives which influenced the officer in question, the line of conduct followed was injudicious and the excess of zeal displayed might easily have led to very undesirable results. It is obviously most inexpedient that official agency should be employed for the collection of subscriptions on behalf of any memorial or reception fund, or indeed of any object, without the express previous sanction of Government, which would only be accorded, if ever, in very rare and exceptional instances. Contributions in such circumstances would often practically cease to be voluntary, and grave abuses would be likely to arise.

NOTIFICATION.

General Department.

The Honourable the Governor in Council having had under consideration the propriety of causing the cessation of public works on Sunday, has come to the resolution that this measure should be universally established with respect to all works carried on on account of Government, whether under the direction of its own officers or through the agency of contractors, except in cases of urgent necessity in which delay would be productive of serious public inconvenience, and that in these, if their urgency does not admit of the previous sanction of Government being obtained, an immediate report of the circumstances should be made to Government through the Military Board.

It is therefore hereby notified that in all future contracts for the execution of public works the discontinuance of such works on Sunday shall be an understood condition, whether any express provision to that effect be introduced in the Deed of contract or not, and that no claim to deduction from the amount of the contract on this account shall be admitted in any contracts executed subsequent to the date of this Notification.

By order of the Honourable the Governor in Council,

R. K. PRINGLE,
Secretary to Government.

Bombay Castle, 26th January 1843.

NOTIFICATION.

It being considered proper and desirable under a Christian Government that the transaction of ordinary official business should be discontinued as far as practicable on Sundays, the Honourable the Governor in Council is pleased to direct that all the Honourable Company's Courts of Justice under this Presidency and all Revenue Offices, whether at the Presidency or in the interior, and whether presided over by European or Native Officers, shall be closed, and generally that all official business shall be suspended on that day except such as is of urgency, or of such a nature that its discontinuance would be obviously obstructive or detrimental to the public interests.

Bombay Castle, 13*th July* 1846.

CIRCULAR.

No. 2836 OF 1846.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I am directed by the Honourable the Governor in Council to transmit to you the accompanying copies of a Notification on the subject of the discontinuance of ordinary official business on Sundays, and to request that you will enjoin its strict observance in the Department under your control.

Bombay Castle, 13*th July* 1846.

No. 634.

GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

Extract from the Proceedings of the Government of Bombay in the General Department, dated 12th March 1869.

"Read the following papers :—

Despatch from Her Majesty's Secretary of State for India to the Government of India, No. 34, dated 20th January 1869.

In a Financial Despatch from Sir C. Wood to your Government dated the 30th April 1864, No. 98, your attention was called to the needless expense incurred in sending by telegraph to England a weekly summary of news. In requesting that those summaries should be discontinued, Sir C. Wood stated that it was essential that, in regard to news of real importance, information should be sent at once by the most speedy means.

2. My attention has been called to the fact that telegrams have been received in this country within the last few days, conveying the important intelligence that heavy rains had fallen in the North-West Provinces to such an extent as to be calculated to allay, in some degree, the apprehensions of famine that were entertained.